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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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BEIRUT FOR FAA

STATE PASS TO FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, BGEN, KU

SUBJECT: FLIGHT CERTIFICATION IN BEIRUT: PROBLEMS REPORTED

1. AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN RECENTLY VISITED EMBASSY AND INFORMED US OF POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING THE CERTIFICATION OF PILOTS BY THE FAA OFFICE IN BEIRUT. HE REPORTED THAT HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SELL SMALL AIRCRAFT TO AT LEAST TWO CONCERNS, ONE OF THEM IN KUWAIT, BUT BOTH FIRMS HAVE REFUSED ABSOLUTELY TO SEND PILOTS TO BEIRUT FOR FLIGHT CERTIFICATION, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF SECURITY SITUATION THERE. HE OBSERVED THAT THIS COULD WORSEN HIS AND OTHER U.S. FIRM'S COMPETITIVE POSITION IN SMALL AIRCRAFT FIELD SINCE EUROPEAN COMPANIES ARE ABLE TO OFFER SUCH CERTIFICATION WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF TRAVELING TO BEIRUT. HE WONDERED (AND UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, HE INTENDS TO ASK THE FAA) WHETHER THE FLIGHT CERTIFICATION PROCESS COULD NOT TAKE PLACE IN THE LOCAL US EMBASSY IN COUNTRY WHERE THE PURCHASE ORIGINATED, WITH THE EMBASSY ADMINISTERING THE WRITTEN PORTION OF THE TEST,  
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AND A PERSON LICENSED TO TRAIN PILOTS AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER

THE FLIGHT PORTION. VISITING AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN NOTED  
THAT HE HIMSELF HAD SUCH A LICENSE.

2. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: ABOVE IS TO ALERT YOU OF  
POSSIBLE PROBLEMS IN THE HANDLING OF FLIGHT CERTIFICATION  
PROCEDURES OUT OF BEIRUT. BEIRUT SECURITY SITUATION HAS  
ALREADY AFFECTED THE OPERATIONS OF US BUSINESSMEN IN OTHER  
FIELDS, ON BOTH PERSONAL AND BUSINESS LEVELS. EMBASSY  
REQUESTS BEIRUT FAA TO COMMENT ON PROCEDURES IN THIS  
MATTER AND ON BUSINESSMAN'S SUGGESTIONS FOR ALTERING THEM  
IN ORDER TO HELP US ADVISE US BUSINESSMEN ON THIS MATTER.  
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